Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Cadre and Recruitment Regulations of the M. S. R. T. C. sanctioned by Government were enforced with effect from 1st February 1968. Prior to this there were no uniform rules and regulations in respect of recruitment. With the enforcement of these common Cadre and Recruitment Regulations, the Committee constituted by M. S. R. T. C. earlier for selection of various classes of posts has become defunct.

Enhancement of D. A. of Government Employees

443. Sri P. THIMMAIAH (Basavangudi).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not the policy of Government to enhance the D. A. to the State Government employees whenever the Central Government enhances the D. A. to its employees;

(*b*) whether the Minister for Finance has accepted this policy and announced on the floor of this House that whenever Government of Madras enhances the D. A. it will be followed in this State also;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for not enhancing the D. A. so far; even though Tukol Commission has submitted its report?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare).—

(*a*) The policy depends on the State's capacity to pay.

(*b*) *Vide* reply to question (*a*) above.

(*c*) The recommendations of the Pay Commission which include grant of enhanced rates of D. A. are under examination.

Permission to make a personal explanation by Sri H. Siddaveerappa

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Before we proceed further, I request the Chair to give me an opportunity to make a personal explanation on an allegation made against me by one of the Hon'ble Deputy Ministers of this House. If the Chair will kindly permit me I will make the statement now.